Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 08 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 09 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 08 Oct 2020 at 03:33 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold and showery conditions for the next few days. Low for the timings of rain arriving late Sunday or early Monday.

Headline for Thursday 08 Oct 2020: Cold and windy with frequent showers, wintry on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 08 Oct 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	40%	60%	30%	40%

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Weather: A few showers over coastal ranges otherwise a mainly dry start to the morning with clear or sunny spells. Frequent showers will spread eastwards from mid-morning onwards, falling as snow above 700m. Some showers will be heavy with hail and a chance of thunder.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% becoming 30% in afternoon. Patchy summit cloud in the morning but cloud bases will lower as showers arrive with frequent cloud above about 500m in west and 800m in east.

Visibility: Mainly excellent air clarity in the morning. Visibility quickly deteriorating as showers pass through with low cloud and snow reducing it to less than 100m at times on the tops.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	12/14 SW	17/21 W	18/25 SW	19/27 W	21/28 SW	19/26 SW	18/23 SW
900	11/14 SW	17/20 W	17/25 SW	17/26 W	19/27 SW	18/25 SW	16/22 SW
600	9/11 SW	11/15 SW	13/20 SW	13/21 W	14/22 SW	12/19 SW	10/16 SW
300	2/11 W	4/16 W	5/19 W	4/21 W	5/21 SW	4/17 SW	3/16 SW
Glen	1/3 N	3/9 W	9/17 W	7/16 W	7/17 SW	6/15 SW	4/10 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-4	0/-6	0/-6	0/-6	-0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-7
900	2/-3	1/-4	1/-4	1/-5	0/-6	0/-6	0/-6
600	4/1	4/-0	4/-1	3/-1	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2
300	5/4	6/5	6/4	6/4	5/3	4/3	4/3
Glen	7/7	8/8	9/7	9/7	7/5	7/5	7/6
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	1000m	900m	900m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Conditions will get colder as the day progresses with wind chill enhanced by low cloud and sleety showers.

Forecast for Friday 09 Oct 2020
Weather: A bitterly cold day with frequent showers, falling as snow above 700m. Risk of hail and thunder. A few bright or sunny intervals, mainly in the east.

Maximum wind: West or Northwest 15-20mph. Sudden gusts 40mph in or near showers.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in west, 60% in east. Frequent cloud above 500 or 600m but longer clearances and higher bases across eastern hills.

Visibility: Often poor on high slopes with low cloud and snow showers. Excellent air clarity between showers on low slopes, especially in east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 or 4C, locally 0C eastern glens, rising to 7 or 8C.
At 800m: Plus 1 or 2C.
Freezing level: 900-1000m.

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